

# List of classical abbreviations

The following list contains a selection from the **Latin abbreviations** that occur in the writings and inscriptions of the Romans.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

**Contents:** Top · A · B · C · D · E · F · G · H · I · J · K · L · M · N · O · P · Q · R · S · T · U · V · W · X · Y · Z

## A

- **A.** – *Absolvo, Actum, Aedilis, Aes, Aedilis, Ager, Ago, Aio, Amicus, Annus, Antiquo, Auctor, Auditor, Augustus, Aulus, Aurum, Aut.*<sup>[3]</sup>
- **A.A.** – *Aes alienum, Ante audita, Apud agrum, Aurum argentum.*
- **AA.** – *Augusti duo.*<sup>[3]</sup>
- **AAA.** – *Augusti tres.*
- **A.A.A.F.F.** – *Auro argento aere flando feriundo.* or *Aere Argento Auro Flando Feriundo.*<sup>[3]</sup>
- **A.A.V.** – *Alter ambove.*
- **A.C.** – *Acta causa, Alius civis.*
- **A.D.** – *Ante diem*
- **A.D.V.** – *Ante diem quintum.*
- **A.D.A.** – *Ad dandos agros.*
- **AEO.** – *Aedes, Aedilis, Aedilitas.*
- **AEM., AIM.** – *Aemilius, Aemilia.*
- **AER.** – *Aerarium.*
- **AER.P.** – *Aere publico.*
- **A.F.** – *Acture fide, Auli filius.*
- **AG.** – *Ager, Ago, Agrippa.*
- **A.G.** – *Ammo grato, Aulus Gellius.*
- **A.L.AE., A.L.E.** – *Arbitrium litis aestimandae.*
- **A.M., A.MILL.** – *Ad milliarium. Ante Meridian.*
- **AN.** – *Aniensis, Annus, Ante.*
- **ANN.** – *Annales, Anni, Annona.*
- **ANT.** – *Ante, Antonius.*
- **A.O.** – *Alii omnes, Amico optimo.*
- **AP.** – *Atppius, Apud.*
- **A.P.** – *Ad pedes, Aedilitia potestate.*
- **A.P.F.** – *Auro (or argento) publico feriundo.*
- **A.P.M.** – *Amico posuit monumentum, Annorum plus minus.*
- **A.P.R.C.** – *Anno post Romam conditam.*
- **ARG.** – *Argentum.*
- **AR.V.V.D.D.** – *Aram votam volens dedicavit, Arma votiva dono dedit.*
- **AT, A TE., A TER.** – *A tergo.*
- **A.T.M.D.O.** – *Aio te mihi dare oportere.*
- **AV.** – *Augur, Augustus, Aurelius.*
- **A.V.** – *Annos vixit.*
- **A.V.C.** – *Ab urbe condita.*
- **AVG.** – *Augur, Augustus.*
- **AVGG.** – *Augusti duo*<sup>[3]</sup>
- **AVGGG.** – *Augusti tres.*
- **AVT.PR.R.** – *Auctoritas provinciae Romanorum.*
- **A.** – *Absolvo, Aedilis, Aes, Ager, Ago, Aio, Amicus, Annus, Antiquo, Auctor, Auditor, Augustus, Aulus, Aurum, Aut.*

- **A.A.** – *Aes alienum, Ante audita, Apud agrum, Aurum argentum.*
- **AA.** – *Augusti.*
- **AAA., AAAGGG** – *Augusti tres.*
- **A.A.A.F.F.** – *Auro argento acre flando feriundo.*
- **A.A.V.** – *Alter ambove.*
- **A.B.** – *Artium Baccalaureus* ("Bachelor of Arts")
- **Ab.** – *Abbas* ("Abbot")
- **Abp.** – *Archbishop*
- **Abs.** – *Absens* ("Absent")
- **Absoluo.** – *Absolutio* ("Absolution")
- **ABB.** – *Abbas*
- **A.B.M.** – *Amico bene merenti*
- **A.C.** – *Auditor Cameræ* (Auditor of the Papal Treasury)
- **AC** – *Ante Christum* ("Before Christ")
- **ACN** – *Ante Christum Natum* ("Before the Birth of Christ")
- **A.D.** – *Anno Domini* ("Year of Our Lord")
- **a.d.** – *ante diem* ("The day before")
- **A.C.** – *Acta causa, Alins civis.*
- **A.D.** – *A domino, Anno Domini, Ante diem*
- **A.D.V.** – *Ante diem quintum.*
- **A.D.A.** – *Ad dandos agros.*
- **AED.** – *Aedilis*
- **AEDILIC.** – *Aedilicia potestate, Aedilicius*
- **AED CVR** – *Aedilis curulis*
- **AEL.** – *Aelius*
- **AEPP.** – *Archiepiscopus*
- **AEO.** – *Aedes, Aedilis, Aedilitas.*
- **AEM., AIM.** – *Aemilius, Aemilia.*
- **AER.** – *Aerarium.*
- **AER.P.** – *Aere publico.*
- **A.F.** – *Acture fide, Auli filius.*
- **AG.** – *Ager, Ago, Agrippa.*
- **A.G.** – *Ammo grato, Aulus Gellius.*
- **A.L.AE., A.L.E.** – *Arbitrium litis aestimandae.*
- **Alr.** – *Aliter* ("Otherwise")
- **A.M., A.MILL.** – *Ad milliarium.*
- **AN.** – *Aniensis, Annus, Ante.*
- **ANN.** – *Annales, Anni, Annona.*
- **ANT.** – *Ante, Antonius.*
- **A.O.** – *Alii omnes, Amico optimo.*
- **AP.** – *Atppius, Apud.*
- **A.P.** – *Ad pedes, Aedilitia potestate.*
- **A.P.F.** – *Auro (sive argento) publico feriundo.*
- **A.P.M.** – *Amico posuit monumentum, Annorum plus minus.*
- **A.P.R.C.** – *Anno post Romam conditam.*
- **Applica.** – *Apostolica* ("Apostolic")
- **Appatis.** – *Approbatis* ("Having been approved")
- **Archiepus.** – *Archiepiscopus* ("Archbishop")
- **ARG.** – *Argentum.*
- **AR.V.V.D.D.** – *Aram votam volens dedicavit, Arma votiva dono dedit.*
- **AT, A TE., A TER.** – *A tergo.*
- **A.T.M.D.O.** – *Aio te mihi dare oportere.*
- **Aucte.** – *Auctoritate* ("By the Authority")
- **AV.** – *Augur, Augustus, Aurelius.*
- **A.V.** – *Annos vixit.*

- **A.V.C.** – *Ab urbe condita*.
- **AVG.** – *Augur, Augustus, Augustus mensis*.
- **AVGG.** – *Augusti*
- **AVGGG.** – *Augusti tres*.
- **AVR.** – *Aurelius*
- **AVSPP** – *Auspicia*
- **AVT.PR.R.** – *Auctoritas provinciae Romanorum*.
- **Adm. Rev.** – *Admodum Reverendus* ("Very Reverend")
- **Adv.** – *Adventus* ("Advent")
- **Alb.** – *Albus* ("White" — Breviary)
- **al.** – *alii, alibi, alias* ("others", "elsewhere", "otherwise")
- **A.M.** – *Anno Mundi* ("Year of the World")
- **A.M.** – *Artium Magister* ("Master of Arts")
- **A.M.D.G.** – *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* ("For the greater glory of God")
- **An.** – *Annus* ("Year")
- **Ann.** – *Anni* ("Years")
- **Ana** – *Antiphona*
- **Ant.** – *Antiphona*
- **Apost.** – *Apostolus* ("Apostle")
- **Ap. Sed.** – *Apostolica Sedes* ("Apostolic See")
- **Ap. Sed. Leg.** – *Apostolicæ Sedis Legatus* ("Legate of the Apostolic See")
- **Archiep.** – *Archiepiscopus* ("Archbishop")
- **Archid.** – *Archidiaconus* ("Archdeacon")
- **Archiprb.** – *Archipresbyter* ("Archpriest")
- **A.R.S.** – *Anno Reparatæ Salutis* ("In the year of Our Redemption")
- **A.U.** – *Alma Urbs* ("Beloved City" — i.e., Rome)
- **Authen.** – *Authentica* ("Authentic" — e.g. letters)
- **Aux.** – *Auxilium, Auxilio* ("Help", "With the help of")
- **A.D.** – *Ante Diem* (e.g. in the phrase, "Ante Diem VI [or Sextum] Kal. Apriles", is equivalent to the sixth day before the Calends of April, counting both the Calends and the day intended to be indicated); or *Anima Dulcis* ("Sweet Soul")
- **A.Q.I.C.** – *Anima Quiescat In Christo* ("May his [or her] Soul Repose in Christ")

## B

---

- **B.** – *Balbius, Balbus, Beatus, Bene, Beneficiarius, Beneficium, Bonus, Brutus, Bustum*.
- **B.** (for **V.**) – *Berna Bivus, Bixit*.
- **B.A.** – *Bixit anos, Bonis auguriis, Bonus amabilis*.
- **BB., B.B.** – *Bene bene, i.e. optime, Optimus*.
- **B.D.** – *Bonae deae, Bonum datum*.
- **B.DD.** – *Bonis deabus*.
- **B.D.S.M.** – *Bene de se merenti*.
- **B.F.** – *Bona femina, Bona fides, Bona fortuna, Bonum factum*.
- **B.F.** – *Bona femina, Bona filia*.
- **B.H.** – *Bona hereditaria, Bonorum heres*.
- **B.I.** – *Bonum iudicium*.
- **B.I.I.** – *Boni iudicis iudicium*.
- **B.M.** – *Beatae memoriae, Bene merenti*.
- **B.N.** – *Bona nostra, Bonum nomen*.
- **BN.H.I.** – *Bona hic invenies*.
- **B.P.** – *Bona paterna, Bonorum potestas, Bonum publicum*.
- **B.Q.** – *Bene quiescat, Bona quaesita*.
- **B.RP.N.** – *Boho reipublicae natus*.
- **BRT.** – *Britannicus*.
- **B.T.** – *Bonorum tutor, Brevi tempore*.

- **B.V.** – *Bene vale, Bene vixit, Bonus vir.*
- **B.V.V.** – *Balnea vina Venus.*
- **BX.** – *Bixit* (for *vixit*).
- **B.** – *Balbius, Balbus, Beatus, Bene, Beneficiarius, Beneficium, Bonus, Brutus, Bustum.*
- **B.** (in loco **V.**) – *Berna Bivus, Bixit.*
- **B.A.** – *Bixit annos* [recte *Vixit annos*], *Bonis auguriis, Bonus amabilis.*
- **BB., B.B.** – *Bene bene, i.e. optime, Optimus.*
- **B.D.** – *Bonae deae, Bonum datum.*
- **B.DD.** – *Bonis deabus.*
- **B.D.S.M.** – *Bene de se merenti.*
- **B.F.** – *Bona femina, Bona fides, Bona fortuna, Bonum factum.*
- **B.F.** – *Bona femina, Bona filia.*
- **B.H.** – *Bona hereditaria, Bonorum heres.*
- **B.I.** – *Bonum iudicium.*
- **B.I.I.** – *Boni iudicis iudicium.*
- **B.M.** – *Beatae memoriae, Bene merenti.*
- **B.M.V.** – *Beatae Mariae virginis*
- **B.N.** – *Bona nostra, Bonum nomen.*
- **BN.H.I.** – *Bona hic invenies.*
- **B.P.** – *Bona paterna, Bonorum potestas, Bonum publicum.*
- **B.Q.** – *Bene quiescat, Bona quaesita.*
- **B.RP.N.** – *Boho reipublicae natus.*
- **BRT.** – *Britannicus.*
- **B.T.** – *Bonorum tutor, Brevi tempore.*
- **B.V.** – *Bene vale, Bene vixit, Bonus vir.*
- **B.V.V.** – *Balnea vina Venus.*
- **BX.** – *Bixit* [recte *vixit*].
- **B.** – *Bene Merenti*
- **BMT.** – *Bene Merenti* ("To the Well-Deserving")
- **B.M.** – *Bonae Memoriae* ("Of Happy Memory")
- **B.F.** – *Bonae Feminæ* ("To the Good Woman")
- **B.I.C.** – *Bibas* [for *Vivas*] *In Christo* ("May you Live In Christ")
- **B.M.F.** – *Bene Merenti Fecit* ("He erected this to the Well-Deserving")
- **B.Q.** – *Bene Quiescat* ("May he [or she] Rest Well")
- **B.A.** – *Baccalaureus Artium* ("Bachelor of Arts")
- **B. BB.** – *Beatus, Beati* ("Blessed")
- **B.C.** – *Before Christ*
- **B.C.L.** – *Baccalaureus Civilis* [or *Canonicae*] *Legis* ("Bachelor of Civil [or Canon] Law")
- **B.D.** – *Bachelor of Divinity*
- **B.F.** – *Bona Fide* ("In Good Faith")
- **Ben.** – *Benedictio* ("Blessing")
- **Benevol.** – *Benevolentia* ("Benevolence")
- **Bon. Mem.** – *Bonæ Memoriae* ("Of Happy Memory")
- **B.P.** – *Beatissime Pater* ("Most Holy Father")
- **Bro.** – *Brother*
- **B. Se.** – *Baccalaureus Scientiarum* ("Bachelor of Sciences")
- **B.U.J.** – *Baccalaureus Utriusque Juris* ("Bachelor of Both Laws" — i.e., civil and canon)
- **B.T.** – *Baccalaureus Theologiæ* ("Bachelor of Theology")
- **B.V.** – *Beatitudo Vestra* ("Your Holiness")
- **B.V.** – *Beata Virgo* ("Blessed Virgin")
- **B.V.M.** – *Beata Virgo Maria* ("Blessed Virgin Mary")

- **C.** – Caesar, Cains, Caput, Causa, Censor, Civis, Conors, Colonia Comitialis (dies), Condemno, Consul, Cum, Curo, Custos, Caia, Centuria, Cum, Con. (prefix).
- **C.B.** – Civis bonus, Commune bonum, Coniugi benemerenti, Cui bono.
- **C.C.** – Calumniae causa, Causa cognita, Coniugi carissimae, Consilium cepit, Curiae consulto.
- **C.C.C.** – Calumniae cavendae causa.
- **C.C.F.** – Caesar (or Caius) curavit faciendum, Caius Caii filius.
- **CC.VV.** – Clarissimi viri. (=senators)
- **C.D.** – Caesaris decreto, Cains Decius, Comitialibus diebus.
- **CES.** – Censor, Censores.
- **CESS.** – Censores.
- **C.F.** – Causa fiduciae, Coniugi fecit, Curavit faciendum.
- **C.H.** – Custos heredum, Custos hortorum.
- **C.I.** – Caius Julius, Consul iussit, Curavit iudex.
- **CL.** – Clarissimus, Claudius, Clodius, Colonia.
- **CL.V.** – Clarissimus vir, Clypeum vovit.
- **C.M.** – Caius Marius, Causa mortis.
- **CN.** – Cnaeus.
- **COH.** – Coheres, Conors.
- **COL.** – Collega, Collegium, Colonia, Columna.
- **COLL.** – Collega, Coloni, Coloniae.
- **COM.** – Comes, Comitium, Comparatum.
- **CON.** – Coniux, Consensus, Consiliarius, Consul, Consularis.
- **COR.** – Cornelia (tribus), Cornelius, Corona, Corpus.
- **COS.** – Consiliarius, Consul, Consulares.
- **COSS.** – Consules.
- **C.P.** – Carissimus (or Clarissimus) puer, Civis publicus, Curavit ponendum.
- **C.R.** – Caius Rufus, Civis Romanus, Curavit reficiendum.
- **CS.** – Caesar, Communis, Consul.
- **C.V.** – Clarissimus (or Consularis) vir.
- **CVR.** – Cura, Curator, Curavit, Curia.
- **C.** – Caesar, Caius, Caput, Carrissimus, Causa, Censor, Centurio, Civis, Cohors, Colonia Comitialis (dies), Condemno, Coniunx, Comes, Consul, Cum, Curavit, Curo, Custos, Caia, Centuria, Cum, Con. (praeverbium).
- **c.** – circa
- **CAL.** – Calendis
- **C.B.** – Civis bonus, Commune bonum, Coniugi benemerenti, Cui bono.
- **C.C.** – Calumniae causa, Causa cognita, Coniugi carissimae, Consilium cepit, Curiae consulto.
- **C.C.C.** – Calumniae cavendae causa.
- **C.C.F.** – Caesar (vel Caius) curavit faciendum, Caius Caii filius.
- **CC.VV.** – Clarissimi viri.
- **C.D.** – Caesaris decreto, Cains Decius, Comitialibus diebus.
- **CES.** – Censor, Censores.
- **CESS.** – Censores.
- **C.F.** – Causa fiduciae, Coniugi fecit, Curavit faciendum.
- **C.H.** – Custos heredum, Custos hortorum.
- **C.I.** – Caius Iulius, Consul iussit, Curavit iudex.
- **CL.** – Clarissimus, Claudius, Clodius, Colonia.
- **CL.V.** – Clarissimus vir, Clypeum vovit.
- **C.M.** – Caius Marius, Causa mortis.
- **CN.** – Cnaeus.
- **COH.** – Coheres, Conors.
- **COL.** – Collega, Collegium, Colonia, Columna.
- **COLL.** – Collega, Coloni, Coloniae.
- **COM.** – Comes, Comitium, Comparatum.
- **CON.** – Coniunx, Consensus, Consiliarius, Consul, Consularis.
- **COR.** – Cornelia (tribus), Cornelius, Corona, Corpus.

- **COS.** – *Consiliarius, Consul, Consulares.*
- **COSS.** – *Consules.*
- **C.P.** – *Carissimus* (sive *Clarissimus*) *puer, Civis publicus, Curavit ponendum.*
- **C.R.** – *Caius Rufus, Civis Romanus, Curavit reficiendum.*
- **CS.** – *Caesar, Communis, Consul.*
- **C.V.** – *Clarissimus* (sive *Consularis*) *vir.*
- **CVR.** – *Cura, Curator, Curavit, Curia.*
- **Cam.** – *Camera* (Papal Treasury)
- **Cam. Ap.** – *Camera Apostolica* ("Apostolic Camera" — i.e. Papal Treasury)
- **Can.** – *Canonicus*
- **Canc.** – *Cancellarius* ("Chancellor")
- **Cap.** – *Capitulum* ("Little Chapter" — Breviary)
- **Cap. de seq.** – *Capitulum de Sequenti* ("Little chapter of the following feast" — Breviary)
- **Capel.** – *Capella* ("Chapel")
- **Caus.** – *Causa* ("Cause")
- **C.C.** – *Curatus* ("Curate" — used chiefly in Ireland)
- **CC. VV.** – *Clarissimi Viri* ("Illustrious Men")
- **Gen. Eccl.** – *Censura Ecclesiastica* ("Ecclesiastical Censure")
- **Cla.** – *Clausula* ("Clause")
- **Cl.** – *Clericus*
- **Clico.** – *Clericus, Clerico* ("Cleric")
- **Clun.** – *Cluniacenses* ("Monks of Cluny")
- **C.M.** – *Causa Mortis* ("On occasion of death")
- **Cod.** – *Codex* (Manuscript)
- **Cog. Leg.** – *Cognatio Legalis* ("Legal Cognation")
- **Cog. Spir.** – *Cognatio Spiritualis* ("Spiritual Cognation")
- **Coll. Cone.** – *Collectio Conciliorum* ("Collection of the Councils")
- **Comm. Prec.** – *Commemoratio Praecedentis* ("Commemoration of the preceding feast" — Breviary)
- **Comm. Seq.** – *Commemoratio Sequentis* ("Commemoration of the following feast" — Breviary)
- **Compl.** – *Completorium* ("Compline" — Breviary)
- **Con.** – *Contra* ("against")
- **Cone.** – *Concilium* ("Council")
- **Conf.** – *Confessor*
- **Conf. Doct.** – *Confessor et Doctor* (Breviary)
- **Conf. Pont.** – *Confessor Pontifex* ("Confessor and Bishop" — Breviary)
- **Cons.** – *Consecratio* ("Consecration")
- **Consecr.** – *Consecratus* ("Consecrated")
- **Const. Ap.** – *Constitutio Apostolica* ("Apostolic Constitution")
- **Cr.** – *Credo* ("Creed" — Breviary)
- **Canice.** – *Canonice* ("Canonically")
- **Card.** – *Cardinalis* ("Cardinal")
- **Cens.** – *Censuris* ("Censures" — abl. or dat. case)
- **Circumpeone.** – *Circumspectione* ("Circumspection" — abl. case)
- **Coione.** – *Communione* ("Communion" — abl. case)
- **Confeone.** – *Confessione* ("Confession" — abl. case)
- **Consciae.** – *Conscientiæ* ("Of [or to] conscience")
- **Constbus** – *Constitutionibus* ("Constitutions" — abl. or dat. Case)
- **C.** – *Consul*
- **CC.** – *Consules* ("Consuls")
- **C.F.** – *Clarissima Femina* ("Most Illustrious Woman")
- **Cl. V.** – *Clarissimus Vir* ("Most Illustrious Man")
- **C.O.** – *Conjugi Optimo* ("To my Excellent Husband")
- **C.O.B.Q.** – *Cum Omnibus Bonis Quiescat* ("May he [or she] Repose With All Good souls")
- **COI.** – *Conjugi* ("To my Husband [or Wife]")
- **CS.** – *Consul*

- **COS.** – *Consul*
- **COSS.** – *Consules* ("Consuls")
- **C.P.** – *Clarissima Puella* ("Most Illustrious Maiden")

## D

---

- **D.** – *Dat, Dedit, De, Decimus, Decius, Decretum, Decurio, Deus, Dicit, Dies, Divus, Dominus, Domus, Donum.*
- **D.C.** – *Decurio coloniae, Diebus comitalibus, Divus Caesar.*
- **D.D.** – *Dea Dia, Decurionum decreto, Dedicavit, Deo dedit, Dono dedit, Domus Divina.*<sup>[3]</sup>
- **D.D.D.** – *Datum decreto decurionum, Dono dedit dedicavit, Deo Donum Dedit*<sup>[3]</sup>
- **D.E.R.** – *De ea re.*
- **DES.** – *Designatus.*
- **D.I.** – *Dedit imperator, Diis immortalibus, Diis inferis.*
- **D.I.M.** – *Deo invicto Mithrae, Diis inferis Manibus.*
- **D.M.** – *Deo Magno, Dignus memoria, Diis Manibus, Dolo malo.*
- **D.O.M.** – *Deo Optimo Maximo.*
- **D.P.S.** – *Dedit proprio sumptu, Deo perpetuo sacrum, De pecunia sua.*
- **D.** – *Dat, Dedit, De, Decimus, Decius, Decretum, Decurio, Deus, Dicit, Dies, Divus, Dominus, Domus, Donum.*
- **D.C.** – *Decurio coloniae, Diebus comitalibus, Divus Caesar.*
- **D.D.** – *Dea Dia, Decurionum decreto, Dedicavit, Deo dedit, Dii deaeque, Dono dedit.*
- **DD.** – *Divi*
- **D.D.D.** – *Datum decreto decurionum, Dono dedit dedicavit.*
- **D.D.L.M.** – *Donum dedit libens merito.*
- **DEC.** – *Decurio*
- **D.E.R.** – *De ea re.*
- **DES.** – *Designatus.*
- **D.M.** – *Dominus*
- **D.M.P.S.** – *Dis Manibus (et) perpetuae securitati*
- **D.N.** – *Dominus noster*
- **Dni.** – *Domini*
- **DNO.** – *Domino*
- **DNS** – *Dominus*
- **DEV** – *Devotus*
- **D.I.** – *Dedit imperator, Diis immortalibus, Diis inferis.*
- **D.I.M.** – *Deo invicto Mithrae, Diis inferis Manibus.*
- **D.M.** – *Deo Magno, Dignus memoria, Diis Manibus, Dolo malo.*
- **D.N.I.C.** – *Domini nostri Iesu Christi*
- **D.O.M.** – *Deo optimo maximo, Dominus.*
- **'D.O.M.A.** – *Deo Optimo maximo aeterno*
- **D.P.S.** – *Dedit proprio sumptu, Deo perpetuo sacrum, De pecunia sua.*
- **D.S.I.M.** – *Deo soli invicto mithrae*
- **Dr. iur.** – Doctor iuris
- **D.** – *Depositus* ("Laid to rest"); or *Dulcis* ("Dear One")
- **D.D.** – *Dedit, Dedicavit* ("Gave", "Dedicated")
- **DEP.** – *Depositus* ("Laid to rest")
- **D.I.P.** – *Dormit In Pace* ("Sleeps in Peace")
- **D.M.** – *Diis Manibus* ("To the Manes [of]")
- **D.M.S.** – *Diis Manibus Sacrum* ("Sacred to the Manes [of]")
- **D.N.** – *Domino Nostro* ("To Our Lord")
- **DD. NN.** – *Dominis Nostris* ("To Our Lords")
- **Discreoni.** – *Discretioni* ("To the Discretion")
- **Dispensao.** – *Dispensatio* ("Dispensation")
- **Dnus** – *Dominus* ("Lord", "Sir", or "Mr.")
- **D.** – *Dominus* ("Lord")

- **d.** – *dies* ("day")
- **D.C.L.** – *Doctor Civilis [or Canonicae] Legis* ("Doctor of Civil [or Canon] Law")
- **D.D.** – *Doctores* ("Doctors")
- **D.D.** – *Donum dedit; Dedicavit* ("Gave", "dedicated")
- **D.D.** – *Doctor Divinitatis* ("Doctor of Divinity" — i.e. Theology)
- **Dec.** – *Decanus* ("Dean")
- **Def.** – *Defunctus* ("Deceased")
- **D.G.** – *Dei Gratia* ("By the Grace of God")
- **D.N.** – *Dominus Noster* ("Our Lord")
- **D.M.** – *Dis Manibus* ("To the spirits of the departed")
- **D.N.J.C.** – *Dominus Noster Jesus Christus* ("Our Lord Jesus Christ")
- **DN** – *Dominus*
- **DNS** – *Dominus*
- **DNUS** – *Dominus* ("Lord")
- **Doct.** – *Doctor* (Breviary)
- **Dom.** – *Dominica* ("Sunday")
- **D.O.M.** – *Deo Optimo Maximo* ("To God, the Best and Greatest")
- **Doxol.** – *Doxologia* ("Doxology" — Breviary)
- **D.R.** – *Decanus Ruralis* ("Rural Dean")
- **DS** – *Deus* ("God")
- **D.Se.** – *Doctor Scientiarum* ("Doctor of Sciences")
- **D.V.** – *Deo Volente* ("God willing")
- **Dupl.** – *Duplex* ("Double feast" — Breviary)
- **Dupl. Maj.** – *Duplex Major* ("Double Major feast")
- **Dupl. I. Cl.** – *Duplex Primæ Classis* ("Double First Class feast" — Breviary)
- **Dupl. II. Cl.** – *Duplex Secundæ Classis* ("Double Second Class feast" — Breviary)

## E

---

- **E.** – *Ecclesia, Ejus, Eius, Eques, Erexft, Ergo, Est, Et, Earvin, Etiam, Evangelista, Ex.*
- **EG.** – *Aeger, Egit, Egregius.*
- **E.G.** – *exempli gratia* (e.g.) (*for the sake of example*)
- **EQ.M.** – *Equitum magister.*
- **EL.** – *Electus*
- **E.M.** – *Egregiae memoriae, Eiusmodi, Ejusmodi, Erexit monumentum.*
- **EPI.** – *Episcopi*
- **EPO.** – *Episcopo*
- **EQ.** – *Eques*
- **EQ.M.** – *Equitum magister.*
- **E.Q.R.** – *Eques Romanus.*
- **E.P.** – *Equo publico.*
- **E.R.A.** – *Ea res agitur.*
- **E(X)T.** – *Ex testamento*
- **E(X)V.** – *Ex voto*
- **Eccl.** – *Ecclesiasticus* ("Ecclesiastic")
- **Eccl.** – *Ecclesia* ("The Church")
- **El.** – *Electio, Electus* ("Election", "Elect")
- **Emus** – *Eminentissimus* ("Most Eminent")
- **EPS** – *Episcopus*
- **EP.** – *Episcopus*
- **Episc.** – *Episcopus* ("Bishop")
- **Et.** – *Etiam* ("Also, Even")
- **Evang.** – *Evangelium* ("Gospel" — Breviary)
- **Ex.** – *Extra* ("Outside of")



- **Exe.** – *Excommunicatus, Excommunicatio* ("Excommunicated, Excommunication")
- **Ecclae.** – *Ecclesiae* ("Of [or to] the Church")
- **Ecclis.** – *Ecclesiasticis* ("Ecclesiastical")
- **Effum.** – *Effectum* ("Effect")
- **Epus.** – *Episcopus* ("Bishop")
- **Excoe.** – *Excommunicatione* ("Excommunication" — abl. case)
- **Exit.** – *Existit* ("Exists")
- **E.V.** – *Ex Voto* ("In Fulfilment of a Vow")
- **EX. TM.** – *Ex Testamento* ("In accordance with the Testament of")
- **E VIV. DISC.** – *E Vivis Discessit* ("Departed from Life")

## F

---

- **F.** – *Fabius, Facere, Fecit, &c., Familia, Fastus (dies), Felix, Femina, Fides, Filius, Flamen, Fortuna, Frater, Fuit, Functus.*
- **F.C.** – *Faciendum curavit, Fidei commissum, Fiducia causa.*
- **F.D.** – *Fidem dedit, Flamen Dialis, Fraude donavit.*
- **F.F.F.** – *Ferro flamma fame, Fortior fortuna fato.*
- **FL.** – *Filius, Flamen, Flaminius, Flavius.*
- **F.L.** – *Favete linguis, Fecit libens, Felix liber.*
- **FR.** – *Forum, Fronte, Frumentarius.*
- **F.R.** – *Forum Romanum.*
- **F.** – *Fabius, Facere, Fecit, &c., Familia, Fastus (dies), Felix, Femina, Fides, Filius, Flamen, Fortuna, Frater, Fuit, Functus.*
- **F.F.** – *Fratres*
- **F.F.C.** – *Filii faciendum curaverunt*
- **F.C.** – *Faciendum curavit, Fidei commissum, Fiducia causa.*
- **F.D.** – *Fidem dedit, Flamen Dialis, Fraude donavit.*
- **F.F.F.** – *Ferro flamma fame, Fortior fortuna fato.*
- **FL.** – *Filius, Flamen, Flaminius, Flavius, floruit.*
- **F.L.** – *Favete linguis, Fecit libens, Felix liber.*
- **FR.** – *Forum, Fronte, Frumentarius., Frater*
- **F.R.** – *Forum Romanum.*
- **FS ET S** – *Fecit sibi et sui*
- **F.** – *Fecit* ("Did"); or *Filius* ("Son"); or *Feliciter* ("Happily")
- **F.C.** – *Fieri Curavit* ("Caused to be made")
- **F.F.** – *Fieri Fecit* ("Caused to be made")
- **FF.** – *Fratres* ("Brothers"); *Filii* ("Sons")
- **FS.** – *Fossor* ("Digger")
- **Fr.** – *Frater* ("Brother")
- **Frum.** – *Fratrum* ("Of the Brothers")
- **Fel. Mem.** – *Felicis Memoriae* ("Of Happy Memory")
- **Fel. Rec.** – *Felicis Recordationis* ("Of Happy Memory")
- **Fer.** – *Feria* ("Weekday")
- **Fr.** – *Frater*
- **F.** – *Frater, Frere* ("Brother")
- **Fund.** – *Fundatio* ("Foundation")

## G

---

- **G.** – *Gaius (Caius), Gallia, Gaudium, Gellius, Gemma, Gens, Gesta, Gratia.*
- **G.F.** – *Gemina fidelis* (legioni).
- **G.P.F.** – *Gemina pia fidelis* (legioni).
- **GL.** – *Gloria.*

- **GN.** – *Genius, Gens, Genus, Gnaeus (Cnaeus).*
- **G.P.R.** – *Genro populi Romani.*
- **Gen.** – *Generalis* ("General")
- **Gl.** – *Gloria* ("Glory to God", etc.)
- **Gr.** – *Gratia* ("Grace")
- **Grad.** – *Gradus* ("Grade")
- **Great.** – *Gratias* ("Thanks"); or *Gratis* ("Without expense")
- **Gnalis** – *Generalis* ("General")
- **G.P.R.** – *Genro populi Romani.*

## H

---

- **H.** – *Habet, Heres, Hic, Homo, Honor, Hora.*
- **HBQ.** – *Hic Bene Quiescat* (Latin: *May He Rest Peacefully Here, epigraphy*)
- **HER.** – *Heres, Herennius.*
- **HER., HERC.** – *Hercules.*
- **H.L.** – *Hac lege, Hoc loco, Honesto loco.*
- **H.M.** – *Hoc monumentum, Honesta mulier, Hora mala.*
- **H.S.E.** – *Hic sepultus est, Hic situs est.*
- **H.V.** – *Haec urbs, Hic vivit, Honeste vixit, Honestus vir.*
- **H.** – *Habet, Heres, Hic, Homo, Honor, Hora.*
- **H.B.** – *Hungaria (et) Bohmia*
- **HER.** – *Heres, Herennius.*
- **HER., HERC.** – *Hercules.*
- **H.F.C.** – *Heres faciendum curavit*
- **HH.** – *Heredes*
- **H.L.** – *Hac lege, Hoc loco, Honesto loco.*
- **H.M.** – *Hoc monumentum, Honesta mulier, Hora mala.*
- **H.M.P.** – *Hoc monumentum posuit*
- **H.S.E.** – *Hic sepultus est, Hic situs est.*
- **H.V.** – *Haec urbs, Hic vivit, Honeste vixit, Honestus vir.*
- **Humil.** – *Humiliter* ("Humbly")
- **Humoi.** – *Huiusmodi* ("Of this kind")
- **hebd.** – *Hebdomada* ("Week")
- **Hom.** – *Homilia* ("Homily" — Breviary)
- **hor.** – *hora* ("hour")
- **H.** – *Haeres* ("Heir"); *Hic* ("Here")
- **H.L.S.** – *Hoc Loco Situs* ("Laid [or Put] in This Place")
- **H.M.F.F.** – *Hoc Monumentum Fieri Fecit* ("Caused This Monument to be Made")
- **H.S.** – *Hic Situs* ("Laid Here")

## I

---

- **I.** – *Immortalis, Imperator, In, Infra, Inter, Invictus, Ipse, Isis, Judex, Julius, Junius, Jupiter, Justus.*
- **IA.** – *Jam, Intra.*
- **I.C.** – *Julius Caesar, Juris Consultum, Jus civile.*
- **ID.** – *Idem, Idus, Interdum.*
- **I.D.** – *Inferis diis, Jovi dedicatnm, Jus dicendum, Jussu Dei.*
- **I.D.M.** – *Jovi deo magno.*
- **I.E.** – *Id est.*
- **I.F.** – *In foro, In fronte.*
- **I.H.** – *Jacet hic, In honestatem, Justus homo.*
- **IM.** – *Imago, Immortalis, Immunis, Impensa.*
- **IMP.** – *Imperator, Imperium.*

- **I.N.R.I.** – *Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum*.
- **I.O.M.** – *Jovi optimo maximo*.
- **I.P.** – *In publico, Intra provinciam, Justa persona*.
- **I.S.V.P.** – *Impensa sua vivus posuit*.
- **I.** – *Immortalis, Imperator, In, Infra, Inter, Invictus, Ipse, Isis, Iudex, Iulius, Iunius, Iupiter, Iustus*.
- **IA.** – *Iam, Intra*.
- **I.C.** – *Iulius Caesar, Iuris Consultum, Ius civile*.
- **ICTVS** – *Iuris consultus*
- **ID.** – *Idem, Idus, Interdum*.
- **I.D.** – *Inferis diis, Iovi dedicatnm, Ius dicendum, Iussu Dei*.
- **I.D.M.** – *Iovi deo magno*.
- **I.F.** – *In foro, In fronte*.
- **I.H.** – *Iacet hic, In honestatem, Iustus homo*.
- **II VIR I D** – *Duovir/Duumvir iure dicundo*.
- **IIII VIR AVG** – *Sevir/Sexvir Augustalis*.
- **ILL.** – *Illustrissimus*
- **ILLMA** – *Illustrissima*
- **IM.** – *Imago, Immortalis, Immunis, Impensa*.
- **IMP.** – *Imperator, Imperium*.
- **I.N.R.I.** – *Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum*.
- **I.O.M.** – *Iovi optimo maximo*.
- **I.P.** – *In publico, Intra provinciam, Iusta persona*.
- **I.S.V.P.** – *Impensa sua vivus posuit*.
- **IVL.** – *Iulius*
- **IVN.** – *Iunior*
- **ID.** – *Idibus* ("On the Ides")
- **IDNE.** – *Indictione* ("In the Indiction" — a chronological term)
- **I.L.H.** – *Jus Liberorum Habens* ("Possessing the Right of Children" — i.e., eligibility to public office under age)
- **INB.** – *In Bono* ("In Good [odour]")
- **IND.** – *Same as IDNE*
- **INP** – *In Pace* ("In Peace")
- **I.X.** – *In Christo* ("In Christ")
- **IC** – *Jesus* (first and third letters of His name in Greek)
- **Id.** – *Idus* ("Ides")
- **Igr.** – *Igitur* ("Therefore")
- **Ind.** – *Indictio* ("Indiction")
- **Ind.** – *Index*
- **Inq.** – *Inquisitio* ("Inquisition")
- **i.p.i.** – *in partibus infidelium* ("among the infidels")
- **Is.** – *Idus* ("Ides")
- **Igr.** – *Igitur* ("Therefore")
- **Infraptum.** – *Infrascriptum* ("Written below")
- **Intropta.** – *Introscrippta* ("Written within")
- **Irregulte.** – *Irregularitate* ("Irregularity" — abl. case)

## J

---

- **J.C.** – *Jesus Christus* ("Jesus Christ")
- **J.C.D.** – *Juris Canonici Doctor, Juris Civilis Doctor* ("Doctor of Canon Law", "Doctor of Civil Law")
- **J.D.** – *Juris Doctor* ("Doctor of Law")
- **J.M.J.** – *Jesus, Maria, Joseph* ("Jesus, Mary, Joseph")
- **Jo.** – *Johannes*
- **Joann.** – *Joannes* ("John")
- **J.U.D.** – *Juris Utriusque Doctor* ("Doctor of Both Laws" — Civil and Canon)

- **Jud.** – *Judicium* ("Judgment")
- **J.U.L.** – *Juris Utriusque Licentiat* ("Licentiate of Both Laws")
- **Jur.** – *Juris* ("Of Law")

## K

---

- **K.** – *Kaeso, Caia, Calumnia, Caput, Carus, Castra.*
- **K., KAL., KL.** – *Kalendae.*
- **K.** – *Kaeso, Caia, Calumnia, Caput, Carus, Castra.*
- **K., KAL., KL.** – *Kalendae.*
- **Kal.** – *Kalendae* ("Calends")
- **K.** – *Kalendas* ("Calends"); or *Care, Carus, Cara* ("Dear One"); or *Carissimus[a]* ("Dearest")
- **K.B.M.** – *Karissimo Bene Merenti* ("To the Most Dear and Well-deserving")

## L

---

- **L.** – *Laelius, Legio, Lex, Libens, Liber, Libra, Locus, Lollius, Lucius, Ludus.*
- **LB.** – *Libens, Liberi, Libertus.*
- **L.C.D.** – *Legis Civilis Doctor* ("Doctor of Civil Law")
- **L.D.D.D.** – *Locus datus decreto decurionum.*
- **LEG.** – *Legatus, Legio.*
- **LEG AVG PR PR** – *Legatus Augusti pro praetore*
- **LEG LEG** – *Legatus legionis*
- **LIB.** – *Liber, Liberalitas, Libertas, Libertus, Librarius.*
- **LIB BAR(O)** – *Liber baro*
- **LL.** – *Leges, Libertissime, Liberti.*
- **L.L.V.S.** – *Libens laetus votum solvit.*
- **L.M.** – *Libens merito, Locus monumenti.*
- **L.S.** – *Laribus sacrum, Libens solvit, Locus sacer, Lectori Salutem.*
- **LVD.** – *Ludus.*
- **LV.P.F.** – *Ludos publicos fecit.*
- **Lia.** – *Licentia* ("License")
- **Litma.** – *Legitima* ("Lawful")
- **Lre.** – *Litteræ* ("Letters")
- **Lte.** – *Licite* ("Lawfully", or "licitly")
- **Laic.** – *Laicus* ("Layman")
- **Laud.** – *Laudes* ("Lauds" — Breviary)
- **I.c.** – *Loco citato*
- **loc. cit.** – *Loco citato* ("at the place already cited")
- **Lect.** – *Lectio* ("Lesson")
- **Legit.** – *Legitime, Legitimus* ("Legally", "legitimate")
- **L.H.D.** – *Litterarum Humaniorum Doctor* ("Doctor of Literature")
- **Lib.** – *Liber*
- **Lo.** – *Liber, Libro* ("Book", "In the book")
- **Lic.** – *Licentia, Licentiat* ("License", "Licentiate")
- **Litt.** – *Littera* ("Letter")
- **LL.B.** – *Legum Baccalaureus* ("Bachelor of Laws")
- **LL.D.** – *Legum Doctor* ("Doctor of Laws")
- **LL.M.** – *Legum Magister* ("Master of Laws")
- **Loc.** – *Locus* ("Place")
- **Lov.** – *Lovanium* ("Louvain")
- **Lovan.** – *Lovanienses* (Theologians of Louvain)
- **L.S.** – *Loco Sigilli* ("Place of the Seal")
- **Lud.** – *Ludovicus*

# M

---

- **M.** – *Magister, Magistratus, Magnus, Manes, Marcus, Marins, Marti, Mater, Memoria, Mensis, Miles, Monumentum, Mortuus, Mucius, Mulier.*
- **M'.** – *Manius.*
- **M.D.** – *Magno Deo, Manibus diis, Matri deum, Merenti dedit.*
- **MES.** – *Mensis.*
- **MESS.** – *Menses.*
- **M.F.** – *Mala fides, Marci filius, Monumentum fecit.*
- **M.I.** – *Matri Idaeae, Matii Isidi, Maximo Jovi.*
- **MNT., MON.** – *Moneta.*
- **M.P.** – *Male positus, Monumentum posuit.*
- **M.S.** – *Manibus sacrum, Memoriae sacrum, Manu scriptum.*
- **MVN.** – *Municeps, municipium* (also MN., MV. and MVNIC.)
- **M.V.S.** – *Marti ultori sacrum, Merito votum solvit.*
- **M.** – *Magister, Magistratus, Magnus, Manes, Marcus, Marins, Marti, Mater, Memoria, Mensis, Miles, Monumentum, Mortuus, Mucius, Mulier.*
- **M'.** – *Manius.*
- **M.D.** – *Magno Deo, Manibus diis, Matri deum, Merenti dedit.*
- **MEN** – *Mensis*
- **MES.** – *Mensis.*
- **MESS.** – *Menses.*
- **M.F.** – *Mala fides, Marci filius, Monumentum fecit.*
- **M.I.** – *Matri Idaeae, Matii Isidi, Maximo Iovi.*
- **MIL** – *Miles.*
- **M L** – *Monumentum legavit.*
- **MNT.** – *Moneta.*
- **MON** – *Moneta, Monumentum.*
- **M.P.** – *Male positus, Monumentum posuit.*
- **M.S.** – *Manibus sacrum, Memoriae sacrum, Manu scriptum.*
- **MVN.** – *Municeps, municipium* (MN., MV. et MVNIC. quoque)
- **M.V.S.** – *Marti ultori sacrum, Merito votum solvit.*
- **M.** – *Maria* ("Mary")
- **M.A.** – *Magister Artium* ("Master of Arts")
- **Mag.** – *Magister* ("Master")
- **Mand.** – *Mandamus* ("We command")
- **Mand. Ap.** – *Mandatum Apostolicum* ("Apostolic Mandate", e.g. for a bishop's consecration)
- **Mart.** – *Martyr*
- **M.** – *Martyr*
- **MM.** – *Martyr, Martyres* ("Martyr", "Martyrs" — Breviary)
- **Mat.** – *Matutinum* ("Matins" — Breviary)
- **Matr.** – *Matrimonium* ("Marriage")
- **Mgr.** – *Monseigneur, Monsignore* ("My Lord")
- **Miss.** – *Missa* ("Mass" — Breviary); *Missionarius* ("Missionary")
- **Miss. Apost.** – *Missionarius Apostolicus*
- **M.A.** – *Missionarius Apostolicus* ("Missionary Apostolic")
- **M.R.** – *Missionarius Rector* ("Missionary Rector")
- **m.t.v.** – *mutatur terminatio versiculi* ("the termination of the little verse is changed" — Breviary)
- **Magro.** – *Magistro* ("Master" — dat. or abl. case)
- **Mir.** – *Misericorditer* ("Mercifully")
- **Miraone.** – *Miseratione* ("Pity" — abl. case)
- **Mrimonium.** – *Matrimonium* ("Matrimony")
- **M.** – *Martyr, or Memoria* ("Memory") or *Monumentum* ("Monument")
- **MM.** – *Martyres* ("Martyrs")
- **M.P.** – *Monumentum Posuit* ("Erected a Monument")

- **MRT.** – *Merenti* ("To the Deserving")

## N

---

- **N.** – *Natio, Natus, Nefastus (dies), Nepos, Neptunus, Nero, Nomen, Non, Nonae, Noster, Novus, Numen, Numerius, Numerus, Nummus.*
- **NB** – *Nota Bene*
- **NEP.** – *Nepos, Neptunus.*
- **N.F.C.** – *Nostrae fidei commissum.*
- **N.L.** – *Non licet, Non liquet, Non longe.*
- **N.M.V.** – *Nobilis memoriae vir.*
- **NN.** – *Nostri.*
- **N.N.** – *Nomen nescio*
- **NN., NNO., NNR.** – *Nostrorum.*
- **NOB.** – *Nobilis.*
- **NOB., NOBR., NOV.** – *Novembris.*
- **N.P.** – *Nefastus primo (priore parto diei), Non potest.*
- **N.** – *Natio, Natus, Nefastus (dies), Nepos, Neptunus, Nero, Nomen, Non, Nonae, Noster, Novus, Numen, Numerius, Numerus, Nummus.*
- **NEP.** – *Nepos, Neptunus.*
- **N.F.C.** – *Nostrae fidei commissum.*
- **N.L.** – *Non licet, Non liquet, Non longe.*
- **N.M.V.** – *Nobilis memoriae vir.*
- **NN.** – *Nostri.*
- **NN., NNO., NNR.** – *Nostrorum.*
- **N.N.** – *nomen nominandum seu nomen nescio*
- **NO** – *Nonis*
- **NOB.** – *Nobilis.*
- **NOB., NOBR., NOV.** – *Novembris.*
- **N.P.** – *Nefastus primo (priore parto diei), Non potest.*
- **N.** – *Nonas* ("Nones"); or *Numero* ("Number")
- **NN.** – *Nostris* ("To Our" — with a plural) or *Numeri* ("Numbers")
- **Nultus.** – *Nullatenus* ("Nowise")
- **Nativ. D.N.J.C.** – *Nativitas Domini Nostri Jesu Christi* ("Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ")
- **N. D.** – *Nostra Domina, Notre Dame* ("Our Lady")
- **Nigr.** – *Niger* ("Black" — Breviary)
- **No.** – *Nobis* ("to us", "for us")
- **Nob.** – *Nobilis, Nobiles* ("Noble", "Nobles")
- **Noct.** – *Nocturnum* ("Nocturn")
- **Non.** – *Nonæ* ("Nones")
- **Nostr.** – *Noster, nostri* ("Our", "of our")
- **Not.** – *Notitia* ("Knowledge")
- **N.S.** – *Notre Seigneur, Nostro Signore* ("Our Lord")
- **N.S.** – *New Style*
- **N.T.** – *Novum Testamentum* ("New Testament")
- **Ntri.** – *Nostri* ("Of our")
- **Nup.** – *Nuptiæ* ("Nuptials")

## O

---

- **O.** – *Ob, Officium, Omnis, Oportet, Optimus, Opus, Ossa.*
- **OB.** – *Obiit, Obiter, Orbis.*
- **OCist** – *Ordo Cisterciensis*
- **O.C.S.** – *Ob cives servatos.*

- **OFM** – *Ordo Fratrum Minorum*
- **O.H.F.** – *Omnibus honoribus functus.*
- **O.H.S.S.** – *Ossa hic sita sunt.*
- **O P N** – *Ora pro nobis.*
- **OR.** – *Hora, Ordo, Ornamentum.*
- **OSA** – *Ordo Sancti Augustini*
- **OSB** – *Ordo Sancti Benedicti*
- **OT** – *Ordo Teutonicus*
- **O.T.B.Q.** – *Ossa tua bene quiescant.*
- **OVF** – *Oro vos faciatis*
- **Ob.** – *Obiit* ("Died")
- **Oct.** – *Octava* ("Octave" — Breviary)
- **Omn.** – *Omnes, Omnibus* ("All", "to all")
- **Op. Cit.** – *Opere Citato* ("In the work cited")
- **Or.** – *Oratio* ("Prayer" — Breviary)
- **Ord.** – *Ordo, Ordinatio, Ordinarius* ("Order", "Ordination", "Ordinary")
- **Or** – *Orator*
- **Orat.** – *Orator* ("Petitioner"), *Oratorium* ("Oratory")
- **O.S.** – *Old Style*
- **O.T.** – *Old Testament*
- **Oxon.** – *Oxonium, Oxonienses* ("Oxford", "Theologians or Scholars of Oxford")
- **Ordinaoni.** – *Ordinationi* ("Ordination" — dat. case)
- **Ordio.** – *Ordinario* ("Ordinary" — dat. or abl. case)
- **O.** – *Hora* ("Hour"); *Obiit* ("Died")
- **OB. IN XTO.** – *Obiit In Christo* ("Died In Christ")
- **OMS.** – *Omnes* ("All")
- **OP.** – *Optimus* (Excellent, or Supremely Good)

## P

- 
- **P.** – *Pars, Passus, Pater, Patronus, Pax, Perpetuus, Pes, Pius, Plebs, Pondo, Populus, Post, Posuit, Praeses, Praetor, Primus, Pro, Provincia, Publicus, Publius, Puer.*
  - **P.C.** – *Pactum conventum, Patres conscripti, Pecunia constituta, Ponendum curavit, Post consulatum, Potestate censoria.*
  - **P.F.** – *Pia fidelis, Pius felix, Promissa fides, Publii filius.*
  - **P.M.** – *Piae memoriae, Pius minus, Pontifex maximus. Post meridiem.*
  - **P.P.** – *Pater patratus, Pater patriae, Pecunia publica, Praepositus, Primipilus, Propraetor.*
  - **PR.** – *Praeses, Praetor, Pridie, Princeps.*
  - **P.R.** – *Permissu reipublicae, Populus Romanus.*
  - **P.R.C.** – *Post Romam conditam.*
  - **PR.PR.** – *Praefectus praetorii, Propraetor.*
  - **P.S.** – *Pecunia sua, Plebiscitum, Proprio sumptu, Publicae saluti, Post scriptum.*
  - **P.V.** – *Pia victrix, praefectus urbi, Praestantissimus vir.*
  - **P.** – *Pars, Passus, Pater, Patronus, Pax, Perpetuus, Pes, Pius, Plebs, Pondo, Populus, Positum, Post, Posuit, Praeses, Praetor, Primus, Pro, Provincia, Publicus/-e, Publius, Puer.*
  - **P.C.** – *Pactum conventum, Patres conscripti, Pecunia constituta, Ponendum curavit, Post consulatum, Potestate censoria.*
  - **P.F.** – *Pia fidelis, Pius felix, Promissa fides, Publii filius.*
  - **P F INV** – *Pius felix invictus.*
  - **P.M.** – *Piae memoriae, Pius minus, Pontifex maximus.*
  - **PONT MAX** – *Pontifex maximus.*
  - **POS** – *Posuit*
  - **P.P.** – *Parentes posuerunt, Parentibus pientissimis, Pater patratus, Pater patriae, Patronus posuit, Pecunia publica, Praepositus, Primipilus/Primus pilus, Pro pietate, Propraetor.*
  - **PP** – *Posuerunt.*

- **PR.** – *Praeses, Praetor, Pridie, Princeps.*
- **PRAEF** – *Praefectus*
- **PRAET** – *Praetor*
- **P.R.** – *Permissu reipublicae, Populus Romanus.*
- **P.R.C.** – *Post Romam conditam.*
- **PROC** – *Procurator*
- **PRO SAL** – *Pro salute.*
- **PR.PR.** – *Praefectus praetorii, Propraetor.*
- **P.S.** – *Pecunia sua, Plebiscitum, Proprio sumptu, Publicae saluti, Post scriptum.*
- **PS** – *Psalmus.*
- **P.V.** – *Pia victrix, praefectus urbi, Praestantissimus vir.*
- **P.** – *Pax* ("Peace"); or *Pius* ("Dutiful"); or *Ponendum* ("To be Placed"); or *Pridie* ("The Day Before"); or *Plus* ("More")
- **P.C.** – *Poni Curavit* ("Caused to be Placed")
- **P.C.** – *Post Consulatum*
- **P. CONS.** – *Post Consulatum* ("After the Consulate")
- **P.I.** – *Poni Jussit* ("Ordered to be Placed")
- **P.M.** – *Plus Minus* ("More or Less"); or *Piae Memoriae* ("Of Pious Memory"); or *Post Mortem* ("After Death")
- **PP.** – *Præpositus* ("Placed over")
- **PR.K.** – *Pridie Kalendas* ("The Day Before the Calends")
- **PRB.** – *Presbyter* ("Priest")
- **PR.N.** – *Pridie Nonas* ("The Day Before the Nones")
- **P.T.C.S.** – *Pax Tibi Cum Sanctis* ("Peace to Thee With the Saints")
- **PZ.** – *Pie Zeses* ("May you Live Piously" — Greek)
- **Pbr.** – *Presbyter* ("Priest")
- **Penia.** – *Pœnitentia* ("Penance", or "repentance")
- **Peniaria.** – *Pœnitentiaria* ("Penitentiary"; i.e. Bureau of the Apostolic Penitentiary)
- **Pntium.** – *Præsentium* ("Of those present", or, "Of this present writing")
- **Poe.** – *Posse* ("To be able", or, "The ability to do a thing")
- **Pontus.** – *Pontificatus* ("Pontificate")
- **PP.** – *Papa* ("Pope")
- **Pr.** – *Pater* ("Father")
- **Pror.** – *Procurator*
- **Ptur.** – *Præfertur* ("Is preferred", or, "Is brought forward")
- **Ptus.** – *Præfatus* ("Aforesaid")
- **P.** – *Pater, Pere* ("Father")
- **Pa.** – *Papa* ("Pope"); *Pater* ("Father")
- **Pact.** – *Pactum* ("Agreement")
- **Pasch.** – *Pascha* ("Easter" — Breviary)
- **Patr.** – *Patriarcha* ("Patriarch")
- **Pent.** – *Pentecostes* ("Pentecost" — Breviary)
- **Ph.B.** – *Philosophiæ Baccalaureus* ("Bachelor of Philosophy")
- **Ph.D.** – *Philosophiæ Doctor* ("Doctor of Philosophy")
- **Phil.** – *Philosophia* ("Philosophy")
- **Ph.M.** – *Philosophiæ Magister* ("Master of Philosophy")
- **P.K.** – *Pridie Kalendas* ("The day before the Calends")
- **Poenit.** – *Pœnitentia* ("Penance")
- **Poenit. Ap.** – *Pœnitentiaria Apostolica* ("Office of the Apostolic Penitentiary")
- **Pont.** – *Pontifex* ("Pontiff", i.e. Bishop — Breviary)
- **Pont.** – *Pontificatus* ("Pontificate")
- **Pont. Max.** – *Pontifex Maximus* ("Supreme Pontiff")
- **Poss.** – *Possessor, Possessio* ("Possessor", "Possession")
- **PP.** – *Papa* ("Pope"); *Pontificum* ("Of the popes")
- **P.P.** – *Parochus* ("Parish Priest" — used mostly in Ireland)
- **PP. AA.** – *Patres Amplissimi* ("Cardinals")



- **P.P.P.** – *Propria Pecunia Posuit* ("Erected at his own expense")
- **P.R.** – *Permanens Rector* ("Permanent Rector")
- **Praef.** – *Præfatio* ("Preface" of the Mass — Breviary)
- **Presbit.** – *Presbyter*, Priest
- **Prof.** – *Professus, Professio, Professor* ("Professed", "Profession", "Professor")
- **Prop. Fid.** – *Propaganda Fide* (Congregation of the Propaganda, Rome)
- **Propr.** – *Proprium* ("Proper" — Breviary)
- **Prov.** – *Provisio, Provisum* ("Provision", "Provided")
- **Ps.** – *Psalmus* ("Psalm")
- **Pub.** – *Publicus*
- **Publ.** – *Publicus, Publice* ("Public", "Publicly")
- **Purg. Can.** – *Purgatio Canonica* ("Canonical Disculpation")

## Q

---

- **Q.** – *Quaestor, Quando, Quantus, Que, Qui, Quinquennalis, Quintus, Quirites.*
- **Q.D.R.** – *Qua de re.*
- **Q.I.S.S.** – *Quae infra scripta sunt*
- **Q.S.S.S.** – *Quae supra scripta sunt*
- **QQ.** – *Quaecunque, Quinquennalis, Quoque.*
- **Q.R.** – *Quaestor reipublicae.*
- **Q.** – *Quaestor, Quando, Quantus, Que, Qui, Quinquennalis, Quintus, Quirites.*
- **Q.B.F.F.Q.S.** – *Quod bonum, faustum, felix fortunatumque sit. (Quod bonum, felix, faustum fortunatumque sit.)*
- **Q.D.R.** – *Qua de re.*
- **Q.I.D.** – *Quater in die.*
- **Q.I.S.S.** – *Quae infra scripta sunt*
- **Q.S.S.S.** – *Quae supra scripta sunt*
- **QQ.** – *Quaecunque, Quinquennalis, Quoque.*
- **Q.R.** – *Quaestor reipublicae.*
- **Quadrag.** – *Quadragesima* ("Lent", also the "Fortieth day" before Easter — Breviary)
- **Quinquag.** – *Quinquagesima* (The "Fiftieth day" before Easter — Breviary)
- **Qd.** – *Quod* ("Because", "That", or, "Which")
- **QmIbt.** – *Quomodolibet* ("In any manner whatsoever")
- **Qtnus.** – *Quatenus* ("In so far as")
- **Q.** – *Quiescit*
- **Qui.** – *Quiescit* ("He Rests")
- **Q.B.AN.** – *Qui Bixit [for Vixit] Annos* ("Who lived... years")
- **Q.I.P.** – *Quiescat In Pace* ("May he [or she] Rest in Peace")
- **Q.V.** – *Qui Vixit* ("Who Lived")

## R

---

- **R.** – *Recte, Res, Res publica, Retro, Rex, Ripa, Roma, Romanus, Rufus, Rursus.*
- **R.C.** – *Romana civitas, Romanus civis.*
- **RESP., RP.** – *Res publica.*
- **RET.P., RP.** – *Retro pedes.*
- **RIP** – *Requiescat in pace.*
- **ROM IMP** – *Romanorum imperator.*
- **R.R.** – *Relationes relatae*
- **R.** – *Recte, Res, Respublica, Retro, Rex, Ripa, Roma, Romanus, Rufus, Rursus.*
- **R.C.** – *Romana civitas, Romanus civis.*
- **RESP., RP.** – *Res publica.*
- **RET.P., RP.** – *Retro pedes.*
- **R.** – *Requiescit* ("He Rests"); or *Refrigerio* ("In [a place of] Refreshment")

- **Reg.** – *Regionis* ("Of the Region")
- **Relione.** – *Religione* ("Religion", or, "Religious Order" — abl. case)
- **Rlari.** – *Regulari* ("Regular")
- **Roma.** – *Romana* ("Roman")
- **R.** – *Responsorium* ("Responsory" — Breviary)
- **R.** – *Roma* (Rome)
- **Rescr.** – *Rescriptum* ("Rescript")
- **R.D.** – *Rural Dean*
- **Req.** – *Requiescat* ("May he [or she] rest", i.e. in peace)
- **Resp.** – *Responsum* ("Reply")
- **R.I.P.** – *Requiescat In Pace* ("May he or she rest in peace")
- **Rit.** – *Ritus* ("Rite", "Rites")
- **Rom.** – *Romanus, Romana* ("Roman")
- **R. P.** – *Reverendus Pater, Reverend Pere* ("Reverend Father")
- **RR.** – *Rerum* ("Of Things, Subjects" — e.g. SS. RR. Ital., Writers on Italian [historical] subjects); *Regesta*
- **Rt. Rev.** – *Right Reverend*
- **Rub.** – *Ruber* ("Red" — Breviary)
- **Rubr.** – *Rubrica* ("Rubric")

## S

---

- **S.** – *Sacrum, Scriptus, Semis, Senatus, Sepultus, Servius, Servus, Sextus, Sibi, Sine, Situs, Solus, Solvit, Sub, Suus.*
- **SAC.** – *Sacerdos, Sacrificium, Sacrum.*
- **S.C.** – *Senatus consultum.*
- **S.D.** – *Sacrum diis, Salutem dicit, Senatus decreto, Sententiam*
- **S.D.M.** – *Sacrum diis Manibus, Sine dolo malo.*
- **SER.** – *Servius, Servus.*
- **S.E.T.L.** – *Sit ei terra levis.*
- **SN.** – *Senatus, Sententia, Sine nomine.*<sup>[3]</sup>
- **S.D.** – *Salutem dicit.*<sup>[4]</sup>
- **S.P.** – *Sacerdos perpetua, Sine pecunia, Sua pecunia.*
- **S.P.D.** – *Salutem plurimam dicit.*<sup>[4]</sup>
- **S.P.Q.R.** – *Senatus populusque Romanus.*
- **S.S.** – *Sanctissimus senatus, Supra scripture.*
- **S.T.T.L.--** *Sit tibi terra levis.*
- **S.** – *Sacerdos, Sacrum, Sanctus, Scriptus, Semis, Senatus, Sepultus, Servius, Servus, Sestertium, Sextus, Sibi, Sine, Situs, Solus, Solvit, Sub, Suus.*
- **SAC.** – *Sacerdos, Sacrificium, Sacrum.*
- **S.C.** – *Senatus consultum.*
- **sc., scil.** – *scilicet*
- **S.D.** – *Sacrum diis, Salutem dicit, Senatus decreto, Sententiam*
- **S.D.M.** – *Sacrum diis Manibus, Sine dolo malo.*
- **SER.** – *Servius, Servus/-a.*
- **S.E.T.L.** – *Sit ei terra levis.*
- **SEX** – *Sextus.*
- **SI** – *Societas Iesu*
- **SN.** – *Senatus, Sententia, Sine.*
- **S.P.** – *Sacerdos perpetua, Sine pecunia, Spurius, Sua pecunia.*
- **S.P.D.** – *Salutem plurimam dicit, ad caput litterarum.*
- **S.P.Q.R.** – *Senatus populusque Romanus.*
- **S. R. E.** – *Sacra vel Sancta Romana Ecclesia*
- **S. R. I. (M. P.)** – *Sacrum Romanum Imperium*
- **S.S.** – *Sancti, Sanctissimus, Sanctissimus senatus, Supra scripture.*

- **SSS** – *Sanctissimus*.
- **ST** – *Sanctus*.
- **S.T.B.V.E.B.V.** – *Si Tu Bene Valeas Ego Bene Valeo*.
- **STIP** – *Stipendiorium*.
- **STTL** – *Sit tibi terra levis*.
- **S.V.B.E.E.Q.V.** – *Si vales bene est, ego quidem valeo*.
- **S.** – *Sacrum*
- **Sacr.** – *Sacrum* ("Sacred")
- **Sab.** – *Sabbatum*
- **Sabb.** – *Sabbatum* ("Sabbath", Saturday)
- **Saec.** – *Saeculum* (Century)
- **Sal.** – *Salus, Salutis* ("Salvation", "of Salvation")
- **Salmant.** – *Salmanticenses* (Theologians of Salamanca)
- **S.C.** – *Sacra Congregatio* ("Sacred Congregation")
- **S.C.C.** – *Sacra Congregatio Concilii* ("Sacred Congregation of the Council", i.e. of Trent)
- **S.C.EE.RR.** – *Sacra Congregatio Episcoporum et Regularium* ("Sacred Congregation of Bishops and Regulars")
- **S.C.I.** – *Sacra Congregatio Indicis* ("Sacred Congregation of the Index")
- **S.C.P.F.** – *Sacra Congregatio de Propaganda Fide* ("Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith")
- **SCS** – *Sanctus* ("Saint")
- **s.d.** – *sine data* (undated book)
- **S.D.** – *Servus Dei* (Servant of God)
- **Semid.** – *Semiduplex* ("Semi" double feast — Breviary)
- **Septuag.** – *Septuagesima* ("Seventieth day" before Easter; always a Sunday — Breviary)
- **Sexag.** – *Sexagesima* ("Sixtieth day" before Easter — Breviary)
- **Sig.** – *Sigillum* ("Seal")
- **Simpl.** – *Simplex* ("Simple" feast — Breviary)
- **Sine Com.** – *Sine Commemoratione* ("Without commemoration" of other feast, or feasts — Breviary)
- **s.l.** – *sine loco* ("without indication" of place of printing)
- **s.l.n.d.** – *sine loco nec data* ("without indication of place" or "without date of printing")
- **S.M.** – *Sanctæ Memorïæ* ("Of Holy Memory")
- **Soc.** – *Socius, Socii* ("Companion", "Companions" — Breviary)
- **S. Off.** – *Sanctum Officium* (Congregation of the Holy Office, Inquisition)
- **S.P.** – *Sanctissime Pater* ("Most Holy Father")
- **S.P.** – *Sanctus Petrus*
- **S. Petr.** – *Sanctus Petrus* ("St. Peter")
- **S.P.** – *Summus Pontifex* ("Supreme Pontiff", Pope)
- **S.P.A.** – *Sacrum Palatium Apostolicum* ("Sacred Apostolic Palace", Vatican, Quirinal)
- **Sr.** – *Soror* (Sister)
- **S.R.C.** – *Sacra Rituum Congregatio* ("Sacred Congregation of Rites")
- **S.R.E.** – *Sancta Romana Ecclesia, Sanctæ Romanæ Ecclesia* ("Most Holy Roman Church"; or, "of the Most Holy Roman Church")
- **SS.** – *Scriptores* ("Writers")
- **SS.D.N.** – *Sanctissimus Dominus Noster* ("Our Most Holy Lord [Jesus Christ]", also a title of the Pope)
- **S., SS.** – *Sanctus, Sancti* ("Saint", "Saints")
- **S.T.B.** – *Sacræ Theologiæ Baccalaureus* ("Bachelor of Sacred Theology")
- **S.T.D.** – *Sacræ Theologiæ Doctor* ("Doctor of Sacred Theology")
- **S.T.L.** – *Sacræ Theologiæ Licentiatus* ("Licentiate of Sacred Theology")
- **Suffr.** – *Suffragia* ("Suffrages" — i.e. prayers of the saints; Breviary)
- **S.V.** – *Sanctitas Vestra* ("Your Holiness")
- **Syn.** – *Synodus* ("Synod")
- **Salri.** – *Salutari* ("Salutary")
- **Snia.** – *Sententia* ("Opinion")
- **Sntæ.** – *Sanctæ*
- **Stæ.** – *Sanctæ* ("Holy", or, "Saints" — feminine)
- **Spealer.** – *Specialiter* ("Specially")

- **Spualibus** – *Spiritualibus* ("In spiritual matters")
- **Supplioni.** – *Supplicationibus* ("Supplication" — dat. or abl. case)
- **S.** – *Suus* ("His"); or *Situs* ("Placed"); or *Sepulchrum* ("Sepulchre")
- **SC. M.** – *Sanctæ Memorïæ* ("Of Holy Memory")
- **SD.** – *Sedit* ("He sat")
- **SSA.** – *Subscripta* ("Subscribed")
- **S.I.D.** – *Spiritus In Deo* ("Spirit [rests] in God")
- **S.P.** – *Sepultus* ("Buried"); or *Sepulchrum* ("Sepulchre")
- **SS.** – *Sanctorum* (Of the Saints)
- **S.V.** – *Sacra Virgo* ("Holy Virgin")

## T

---

- **T.** – *Terminus, Testamentum, Titus, Tribunus, Tu, Turma, Tutor.*
- **TB., TI., TIB.** – *Tiberius.*
- **TB., TR., TRB.** – *Tribunus.*
- **T.F.** – *Testamentum fecit, Titi filius, Titulum fecit, Titus Flavius.*
- **TM.** – *Terminus, Testamentum, Thermae.*
- **T.P.** – *Terminum posuit, Tribunicia potestate, Tribunus plebis.*
- **TVL.** – *Tullius, Tunus.*
- **T.** – *Terminus, Testamentum, Titus, Tribunus, Tu, Turma, Tutor.*
- **TB., TI., TIB.** – *Tiberius.*
- **TB., TR., TRB.** – *Tribunus.*
- **T.F.** – *Testamentum fecit, Titi filius, Titulum fecit, Titus Flavius.*
- **TFI** – *Testamentum fieri iussit.*
- **TI(B)** – *Tiberius*
- **TM.** – *Terminus, Testamentum, Thermae.*
- **T.P.** – *Terminum posuit, Tribunicia potestate, Tribunus plebis.*
- **TR PL** – *Tribunus plebis*
- **T.R.E.** – *Tempore Regis Eduardi*
- **TVL.** – *Tullius, Tunus.*
- **T.** – *Titulus*
- **TT.** – *Titulus, Tituli* ("Title", "Titles")
- **TM.** – *Testamentum* ("Testament")
- **Thia** – *Theologia*
- **Theolia.** – *Theologia* ("Theology")
- **Tli.** – *Tituli* ("Titles")
- **Tm.** – *Tantum* ("So much", or, "Only")
- **Tn.** – *Tamen* ("Nevertheless")
- **Temp.** – *Tempus, Tempore* ("Time", "in time")
- **Test.** – *Testes, Testimonium* ("Witnesses", "Testimony")
- **Theol.** – *Theologia* ("Theology")
- **Tit.** – *Titulus, Tituli* ("Title", "Titles")

## U

---

- **Ult.** – *Ultimo* ("Last" — day, month, year)
- **Usq.** – *Usque* ("As far as")
- **Ux.** – *Uxor* ("Wife")

## V

---

- **V.** – *Urbs, Usus, Uxor, Vale, Verba, Vestalis, Vester, Vir, Vivus, Vixit, Volo, Votum.*
- **VA.** – *Veterano assignatus, Vixit annos.*

- **V.C.** – *Vale conjux*, *Vir clarissimus*, *Vir consularis*.
- **V.E.** – *Verum etiam*, *Vir egregius* (=equestrian), *Visum est*.
- **V.F.** – *Usus fructus*, *Verba fecit*, *Vivus fecit*.
- **V.P.** – *Urbis praefectus*, *Vir perfectissimus*, *Vivus posuit*.
- **V.R.** – *Urbs Roma*, *Uti rogas*, *Votum reddidit*.
- **V.S.L.M.** – *Votum Solvit Libens Merito*. (willingly and deservedly fulfilled his vow)
- **V.** – *Urbs*, *Usus*, *Uxor*, *Vale*, *Verba*, *Vestalis*, *Vester*, *Victrix*, *Vir*, *Virgo*, *Vivus*, *Vixit*, *Volo*, *Votum*.
- **VA.** – *Veterano assignatus*, *Vixit annos*.
- **V.C.** – *Vale coniunx*, *Vir clarissimus*, *Vir consularis*.
- **V.E.** – *Verum etiam*, *Vir egregius*, *Visum est*.
- **V.F.** – *Usus fructus*, *Verba fecit*, *Vivus fecit*.
- **v.g.**, **v.gr.** – *verbi gratia*
- **VIX** – *Vixit*
- **VLP** – *Ulpianus*
- **V.P.** – *Urbis praefectus*, *Vir perfectissimus*, *Vivus posuit*.
- **V.R.** – *Urbs Roma*, *Uti rogas*, *Votum reddidit*.
- **VS** – *Votum solvit*, *Vir spectabilis*.
- **VSLLM** – *Votum solvit libens laetus merito*.
- **V.** – *Venerabilis*
- **Ven.** – *Venerabilis*
- **VV.** – *Venerabilis*, *Venerabiles* ("Venerable")
- **'Venebli** — *Venerabili* ("Venerable")
- **Vrae.** – *Vestræ* ("Your")
- **V.** – *Vester*
- **Vest.** – *Vester* ("Your")
- **Vac.** – *Vacat*, *Vacans* ("Vacant")
- **Val.** – *Valor* ("Value")
- **Vat.** – *Vaticanus* ("Vatican")
- **Vba.** – *Verba* ("Words")
- **Vers.** – *Versiculus* ("Versicle" — Breviary)
- **Vesp.** – *Vesperæ* ("Vespers" — Breviary)
- **V.F.** – *Vicarius Foraneus*
- **Vic. For.** – *Vicarius Foraneus* ("Vicar-Forane")
- **V.G.** – *Vicarius Generalis* ("Vicar-General")
- **Vid.** – *Vidua* ("Widow" — Breviary)
- **Vid. Videlicet**
- **Videl.** – *Videlicet* ("Namely")
- **Vig.** – *Vigilia* ("Vigil" of a feast — Breviary)
- **Viol.** – *Violaceus* ("Violet" — Breviary)
- **Virg.** – *Virgo* ("Virgin" — Breviary)
- **Virid.** – *Viridis* ("Green" — Breviary)
- **V.M.** – *Vir Magnificus* ("Great Man")
- **V. Rev.** – *Very Reverend*
- **V.T.** – *Vetus Testamentum*
- **V.** – *Vixit* ("He Lived"); or *Vixisti* ("Thou didst Live")
- **VB.** – *Vir Bonus* ("A Good Man")
- **V.C.** – *Vir Clarissimus* ("A Most Illustrious Man")
- **VV. CC.** – *Viri Clarissimi* ("Most Illustrious Men")
- **V.H.** – *Vir Honestus* ("A Worthy Man")
- **V. X.** – *Vivas*, *Care [or Cara]* ("Mayest thou Live, Dear One"); or *Uxor Carissima* ("Most Dear Wife")

## X

- **XV V.** – *Quindecimvir*.

- **X.** – *Christus*
- **XPC.** – *Christus*
- **XS.** – *Christus* ("Christ")
- **XC.** – *Christus*
- **XCS.** – *Christus* ("Christ" — first, middle, and last letters of the Greek name)

## Z

---

- **ZC, ZE** – *Et cetera*

## Numbers

---

- **I** – *unus*
- **V** – *quinque*
- **X** – *decem*
- **L** – *quingenta*
- **C** – *centum*
- **D** – *quingenti*
- **M** – *mille*

## Religious Orders and Congregations

---

- **A.A.** – *Augustiniani Assumptionis* (Assumptionists)
- **A.B.A.** – *Antoniani Benedictini Armeni* (Mechitarists)
- **C.J.M.** – *Congregatio Jesu et Mariæ* (Eudist Fathers)
- **C.M.** – *Congregatio Missionis* (Lazarists)
- **C.M.** – *Congregatio Mariæ* (Fathers of the Company of Mary)
- **C.O.** – *Congregatio Oratorii*
- **C.P.** – *Congregatio Passionis* (Passionists)
- **C.P.P.S.** – *Congregatio Pretiosissimi Sanguinis* (Fathers of the Most Precious Blood)
- **C.R.** – *Congregatio Resurrectionis* (Resurrectionist Fathers)
- **C.R.C.S.** – *Clerici Regulares Congregationis Somaschæ* (Somaschi Fathers)
- **C.R.I.C.** – *Canonici Regulares Immaculate Conceptionis* ("Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception")
- **C.R.L.** – *Canonici Regulares Lateranenses* ("Canons Regular of the Lateran")
- **C.R.M.** – *Clerici Regulares Minores* ("Clerks Regular Minor", Mariani)
- **C.R.M.D.** – *Clerici Regulares Matris Dei* ("Clerks Regular of the Mother of God")
- **C.R.M.I.** – *Clerici Regulares Ministrantes Infirmis* ("Clerks Regular Attendant on the Sick", Camillini, Camilliani)
- **C.R.P.** – *Congregatio Reformatorum Præmonstratensium* (Premonstratensians)
- **C.R.S.P.** – *Clerici Regulares Sancti Pauli* (Barnabites)
- **C.R.S.P.** – *Clerici Regulares Pauperum Matris Dei Scholarum Piarum* ("Clerks Regular of the Poor Men of the Mother of God for Pious Schools", Piarists)
- **C.R.T.** – *Clerici Regulares Theatini* (Theatines)
- **C.S.B.** – *Congregatio Sancti Basilii* (Basilians)
- **C.S.C.** – *Congregatio Sanctæ Crucis* (Fathers and Brothers of the Holy Cross)
- **C.S.P.** – *Congregatio Sancti Pauli* (Paulists)
- **C.S.Sp.** – *Congregatio Sancti Spiritus* (Fathers of the Holy Ghost)
- **C.S.V.** – *Clerici Sancti Viatoris* (Clerks, or Clerics, of St. Viator)
- **C.SS.CC.** – *Congregatio Sacratissimorum Cordium* (Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary)
- **C. SS. R.** – *Congregatio Sanctissimi Redemptoris* (Redemptorists)
- **F.S.S.P.** – *Fraternitas Sacerdotalis Sancti Petri*
- **F.S.S.P.X** – *Fraternitas Sacerdotalis Sancti Pii X*
- **Inst. Char.** – *Institutum Charitatis* (Rosminians)
- **I.C.R.S.S.** – *Institutum Christi Regis Summi Sacerdotis*
- **I.C.R.S.P.** – *Institutum Christi Regis Summi Sacerdotis*

- **M.C.** – *Missionaries of Charity*
- **M.S.** – *Missionaries of La Salette* [France]
- **M.S.C.** – *Missionarii Sancti Caroli* ("Missionaries of St. Charles")
- **M.S.C.** – *Missionarii Sacratissimi Cordis* ("Missionaries of the Most Sacred Heart")
- **O.C.** – *Ordo Charitatis* (Fathers of the Order of Charity)
- **O. Camald.** – *Ordo Camaldulensium* (Camaldolese)
- **O. Cart.** – *Ordo Cartusiensis* (Carthusians)
- **O. Cist.** – *Ordo Cisterciensium* (Cistercians)
- **O.C.C.** – *Ordo Carmelitarum Calceatorum* (Carmelites)
- **O.C.D.** – *Ordo Carmelitarum Discalceatorum* (Discalced, or Barefoot, Carmelites)
- **O.C.R.** – *Ordo Reformatorum Cisterciensium* (Cistercians, Trappists)
- **O.F.M.** – *Ordo Fratrum Minorum* (Observant Franciscans)
- **O.M.** – *Ordo [Fratrum] Minimorum* (Minims of St. Francis of Paul)
- **O. Merced.** – *Ordo Beatæ Mariæ Virginis de Redemptione Captivorum* (Mercedarians, Nolaschi)
- **O.M.C.** – *Ordo Minorum Conventualium* (Conventual Franciscans)
- **O.M. Cap.** – *Ordo Minorum Cappucinatorum*
- **O.F.M. Cap.** – *Ordo Minorum Cappucinatorum*
- **O.M.C.** – *Ordo Minorum Cappucinatorum* (Capuchins)
- **O.M.I.** – *Oblati Mariæ Immaculatæ* (Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate)
- **O.P.** – *Ordo Prædicatorum*
- **Ord Fratr. Praed.** – *Ordo Prædicatorum* (Dominicans)
- **Ord. Praem.** – *Ordo Præmonstratensium* (Premonstratensians, Norbertines)
- **O.S.A.** – *Ordo [Eremitarum] Sancti Augustini* (Augustinians)
- **O.S.B.** – *Ordo Sancti Benedicti* (Benedictines)
- **O.S.C.** – *Oblati Sancti Caroli* (Oblate Fathers of St. Charles)
- **O.S.F.C.** – *Ordinis Sancti Francisci Capuccini* (Franciscan Capuchins)
- **O.S.F.S.** – *Oblati Sancti Francisci Salesii* (Oblate Fathers of St. Francis of Sales)
- **O.S.H.** – *Ordo [Eremitarum] Sancti Hieronymi* (Hieronymites)
- **O.S.M.** – *Ordo Servorum Mariæ* (Servites)
- **O.SS.C.** – *Oblati Sacratissimi Cordis* ("Oblate Fathers of the Sacred Heart")
- **O. Trinit.** – *Ordo Sanctissimæ Trinitatis* (Trinitarians)
- **P.O.** – *Presbyteri Oratorii* (Oratorians)
- **P.S.M.** – *Pia Societas Missionum* (Fathers of the Pious Society of Missions, Pallottini)
- **P.S.S.** – *Presbyteri Sancti Sulpicii* (Sulpicians)
- **R.O.S.M.A.** – *Realis Ordo Sancti Michaëli ab Ansa*
- **S.C.** – *Salesianorum Congregatio* (Congregation of St. Francis of Sales — Salesian Fathers)
- **S.D.S.** – *Societas Divini Salvatoris* ("Society of the Divine Saviour")
- **S.D.V.** – *Societas Divini Verbi* (Fathers of the Divine Word)
- **S.J.** – *Societas Jesu* ("Society of Jesus", i.e. the Jesuits)
- **S.M.** – *Societas Mariæ* (Marists)
- **S.M.O.M.** – *Supremus ac Militaris Ordo Melitensis*
- **SMOCSG** – *Sacer ac Militaris Ordo Constantinianus Sancti Georgii*
- **S.P.M.** – *Societas Patrum Misericordiae* (Fathers of Mercy)
- **S.S.S.** – *Societas Sanctissimi Sacramenti* (Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament)

## References

---

### Citations

1. *EB* (1878).
2. *EB* (1911).
3. "Latin acronyms and abbreviations" (<http://www.all-acronyms.com/?tg=latin&o=a>). Retrieved 2007-07-23.

4. "Classical Salutations and Closings" (<https://web.archive.org/web/20100608083654/http://www.cs.utk.edu/~mclennan/OM/CSC.html>). Archived from the original (<http://www.cs.utk.edu/~mclennan/OM/CSC.html>) on 2010-06-08. Retrieved 2010-05-24.

## Bibliography

- "Abbreviation" ([https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Encyclop%C3%A6dia\\_Britannica,\\_Ninth\\_Edition/Abbreviation](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Encyclop%C3%A6dia_Britannica,_Ninth_Edition/Abbreviation)), *Encyclopædia Britannica, 9th ed., Encyclopædia Britannica, 9th ed.* ([https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Encyclop%C3%A6dia\\_Britannica,\\_Ninth\\_Edition](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Encyclop%C3%A6dia_Britannica,_Ninth_Edition)), New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1878, pp. 26–9.
- "Abbreviation" ([https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/1911\\_Encyclop%C3%A6dia\\_Britannica/Abbreviation](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/1911_Encyclop%C3%A6dia_Britannica/Abbreviation)), *Encyclopædia Britannica, 11th ed., Encyclopædia Britannica, 11th ed.* ([https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/1911\\_Encyclop%C3%A6dia\\_Britannica](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/1911_Encyclop%C3%A6dia_Britannica)), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1911, pp. 27–30.

## External links

- [Latin abbreviations](http://www.smartdefine.org/latin/abb/r) (<http://www.smartdefine.org/latin/abb/r>)
- [abbreviationes ordinum ecclesiae catholicae Romanae \(Germanice editum cum verbis Latinis\)](http://stephansco.at/edw/ordensabkuerzungen.html) (<http://stephansco.at/edw/ordensabkuerzungen.html>)
- [Sigla Latina in Libris Impressis Occurrentia](http://www.uni-mannheim.de/mateo/camenaref/siglalatina.html) (<http://www.uni-mannheim.de/mateo/camenaref/siglalatina.html>)

Retrieved from "[https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List\\_of\\_classical\\_abbreviations&oldid=879793025](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_classical_abbreviations&oldid=879793025)"

**This page was last edited on 23 January 2019, at 12:28 (UTC).**

Text is available under the [Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License](#); additional terms may apply. By using this site, you agree to the [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#). Wikipedia® is a registered trademark of the [Wikimedia Foundation, Inc.](#), a non-profit organization.